

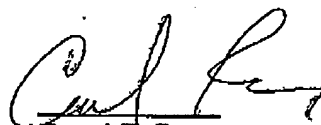
REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are pending. Claim 9 is cancelled.

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelm (US 5486215) in view of Urry (4333994). Applicants continue to disagree with the United States Patent & Trademark Office's (USPTO) position that the claimed invention is obvious based upon Kelm in view of Urry. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the claimed invention, Applicants amended the claims in order to clearly place the case in condition for allowance. In particular, Applicants amended independent claim 1 to include "the current collector further comprises a solid planar member that is further disposed adjacent an exterior surface of said final turn," which the USPTO considered to be a limitation that included allowable language. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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